I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0002]   Large software projects are frequently divided into separate components to be completed by independent development teams. For example, in ~~Java~~ JAVA™ Enterprise Edition (J2EE) (JAVA™ and J2EE™ are trademarks of Sun Microsystems, Inc., Santa Clara, California) projects, applications are typically divided into a presentation or user interface component, a business logic component and a data component, each completed by an independent development team. Separating the development of an application in this manner reduces the complexity of development by isolating each team from the effects of changes in other parts of the project implemented by other teams.

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0003]   However, such a division of development effort may still be subject to unnecessary complexity in very large projects. Upon completion of the J2EE™ components, the presentation and business components are generally combined into a single archive (WAR) file. Although the two components could be packaged into multiple WAR files, separate packaging is not preferable because each WAR file has its own configuration data and/or runtime resources. Thus, WAR files will not be able to share resources, such as a context root (configuration data) or a session (runtime resource), with other WAR files.

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0005]   The present invention provides method, system and computer program product to increase the efficiency of the development of ~~Java~~ JAVA™ Enterprise Edition (J2EE™) applications. A project may be divided into modules which may be developed by independent teams. The files within each module are classified as independent of resources in other modules or dependent. Independent files may be packaged into a single, integrated web application archive (WAR) file without further processing. Corresponding dependent files are compared and any conflicts are resolved. The resulting files may then be packaged into the WAR file.

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following replacement paragraph:

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[0008]   Fig. 1 is a representation of files available for an exemplary J2EE™ development project;

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Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0013]   Fig. 1 is a representation of some of the resources, such as files File A 102, File B 104, File C 106, File D 108 and File E 110, which are available for an exemplary J2EE™ development project; it will be appreciated that many additional resources are typically present in a project. The project is divided into modules to be developed independently by different teams. Two such modules 200 and 220 are illustrated in Fig. 2; it will be appreciated that many additional modules are typically present in a project. The development team of the first module 200 has incorporated copies of some of the files: A 102, C 106, D 108 and E 110; the copies have been designated files 1A 202, 1C 206, 1D 208 and 1E 210. The development team of the second module 220 has also incorporated copies of files C 106 and D 108 as well as copies of file B 104; these copies have been designated files 2B 204, 2C 206 and 2D 208.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0018]   After conflicts have been resolved, the merged files (files C and D in the example) are passed to the second section 304 of the tool 300 to be packaged in the WAR file 308 (step 406). The WAR file 308 is then ready to be installed into a J2EE™ application server as a J2EE™ application.